

IFW 2876



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re:  
Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos et al.  
Application Serial No.: 09/990,585  
Filing Date : November 21, 2001  
Title: HAND-SUPPORTABLE PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION  
AND IMAGING (PLIIM) DEVICES EMPLOYING LINEAR  
ELECTRONIC IMAGE DETECTION ARRAYS AND  
OPTICALLY-COMBINED PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION  
BEAMS (PLIBS) PRODUCED FROM A MULTIPLICITY OF  
LASER DIODE SOURCES TO ACHIEVE A REDUCTION IN  
SPECKLE-PATTERN NOISE POWER IN SAID PLIIM  
DEVICES  
Examiner : Thien Le  
Group Art Unit : 2876  
Attorney Docket No. : 108-151USA000

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER RULE 312**

Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed in the present Application on March 9, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments:

The Communication dated March 9, 2006 states that a preliminary amendment filed on November 6, 2003 recited that the application is depending on itself, and requests correction of the priority data.

However, a careful search of our file wrapper for this application reveals that no such preliminary amendment was filed on or near such a date, and that at no time in the history of this application was an amendment filed in which the priority data was amended to recite that the application depends on itself.

On September 4, 2002, Applicants filed an amendment to the Cross-Reference to Related Application data. It has come to Applicants' attention that the Corrected Filing Receipt mailed from the USPTO on September 3, 2002 still contains incorrect priority data. Therefore, Applicants re-submit herewith an amendment to the Cross-Reference to Related Application data.

AMENDMENT OF THE CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Please amend the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" on Page 1 as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED U.S. APPLICATIONS APPLICATIONS

This is a Continuation-in-Part of: copending Application Serial No. 09/999,687 filed October 31, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/954,477 filed September 17, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/883,130 filed June 15, 2001, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No. 09/781,665 filed February 12, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/780,027 filed February 9, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/721,885 filed November 24, 2000; ~~copending Application Serial No. 09/047,146 filed March 24, 1998; copending Application Serial No. 09/157,778 filed September 21, 1998; copending Application Serial No. 09/274,265, filed March 22, 1999; International Application Serial No. PCT/US/99/06505 filed March 24, 1999, and published as WIPO WO 99/49411; Application Serial No. 09/327,756 filed June 7, 1999; and International Application Serial No. PCT/US00/15624 filed June 7, 2000, published as WIPO WO 00/75856 A1; each said application being commonly owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein in its entirety.~~